

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2011 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany for ten days from June 24–July 3 of this year. During this ten-day exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat Members, Bundestag and Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for ten days April 30–May 8 of this year. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington. The U.S. delegation is expected to facilitate these meetings.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to help plan and implement the program for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States. Participants are expected to assist in planning topical meetings in Washington, and are encouraged to host one or two staffers in their Member's district in July, or to arrange for such a visit to another Member's district.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of

Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications may be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HC-4, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011.

HONORING DAVID W. GORMAN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the outstanding career and accomplishments of my constituent, David W. Gorman. A Vietnam veteran, Mr. Gorman will be remembered as one of the premiere veterans' advocates in American history. On July 1, 2011, he will be retiring as the Executive Director of National Service and Legislative Headquarters of the Disabled American Veterans after four decades of dedicated service.

Mr. Gorman entered the U.S. Army in 1969 and served in the famed "Sky Soldiers" of the 173rd Airborne Brigade during the Vietnam War. After sustaining severe combat injuries that required the amputation of both legs, Mr. Gorman dedicated himself to improving the treatment and welfare of America's veterans and joined the Disabled American Veterans organization.

Mr. Gorman, a life member of the DAV's National Amputation Chapter 76 and Chapter 4, in Wheaton, Maryland, began his professional career with the DAV as a National Service Officer at the Boston National Service Office in 1971. In the years that followed, Mr. Gorman became a venerable ally of American veterans, representing their claims before the Veterans Administration Board of Veterans Appeals. He earned a reputation as one of the nation's foremost experts regarding the VA's complex array of services and programs. Indeed, the DAV's key legislative accomplishments of recent years are largely due to the expertise and diligence of Mr. Gorman and his team.

In 1995, Mr. Gorman was appointed Executive Director of National Service and Legislative Headquarters, a position he has held for over 15 years. As Executive Director, he was the DAV's principal representative and spokesman before Congress, the White House, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. His legacy includes his efforts to reform veterans' health care and his contributions to the enactment of the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009 and the Caregiver and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Gorman on his outstanding accomplishments and thank him for his devoted service to our country and our veterans. I wish him a rewarding and enjoyable retirement with his wife, Paula, his five children and six grandchildren.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong opposition to the amendment offered by Mr. GOODLATTE, which would prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to develop, promulgate, evaluate, implement, provide oversight to, or backstop total maximum daily loads or watershed implementation of these TMDLs for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

As the Representative of Maryland's 7th Congressional District, I was proud to have worked closely with Maryland Senator BEN CARDIN during the last Congress to lead the effort to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program and to instill innovative new approaches into the program that will finally lead to the true restoration of the Chesapeake Bay.

Unfortunately, we were unable to enact that legislation during the last Congress—but the effort to create a Chesapeake Bay program that supports effective clean-up of the Bay will continue.

Fortunately, a number of other processes are already underway that will expand and strengthen the effort to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

President Obama issued an executive order to guide a renewed and reinvigorated federal clean-up effort shortly after taking office.

And critically, on December 29, 2010, the long-awaited Total Maximum Daily Loads, TMDL, were issued for the Bay—and the watershed states are now developing their Watershed Implementation Plans, WIP.

The TMDLs established for the Chesapeake Bay are specifically required under the federal Clean Water Act. Their development is also consistent with consent decrees in Virginia and the District of Columbia from the late 1990s.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the TMDLs set Bay watershed limits of 185.9 million pounds of nitrogen, 12.5 million pounds of phosphorus and 6.45 billion pounds of sediment per year—limits that would achieve a 25 percent reduction in nitrogen, 24 percent reduction in phosphorus, and 20 percent reduction in sediment flowing into the Bay.

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